REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a Restriction Requirement mailed on May 8, 2009. Prior to this response, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 20, 22-26, 28, 30-38, and 41-42 were pending. After amending claim 1 and re-canceling claims 6 and 27, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 20, 22-26, 28, 30-38, and 41-42 remain pending pending.

The Office Action states that an election is required between a variation where a job log is maintained by the imaging device (Fig. 10) and a variation where the client maintains a job history of all received jobs and their corresponding status (Fig. 12).

The Applicant respectfully submits that primary difference between Figs. 10 and 12 is that Fig. 10 shows a job history database being maintained by the imaging device, and the Fig. 12 shows the job history being maintained by the client device.

There are no claims corresponding to Fig. 12. The preamble of claim 1 recites a method for maintaining a job history on an imaging device, and also recites the step of maintaining the job record. However, for added clarity, the claim has been amended to recite "maintaining the job record <u>in the imaging device,</u> after the performance ...." Independent claim 1 generally corresponds to Fig. 10. All claims dependent from claim 1 must include the above-mentioned limitations.

Independent claim 20 clearly recites an imaging device system comprising a repository residing in the imaging device to accept a record of jobs performed. Claim 20 generally corresponds to Fig. 10, and all claims dependent from claim 20 include the same limitations.

Independent claims 41 and 42 recite making a record of jobs, maintaining the job record after performance of the job on the imaging

device (in the imaging device repository), and sending the job record to the client. Then, the client creates a filtered job history. Even these claims do not match Fig. 12, since Fig. 12 does not show a job history being stored in an imaging device (MFP).

The variation of the client maintaining the (primary) job history was recited in claims 2 and 21 of the claims as originally filed. However during prosecution, this limitation was dropped. Since the limitation of maintaining the job record in the client was never considered a primary limitation, no dependent claims were written in support of this limitation. That is, none of the claims explicitly recite the limitation of "sending a job completion notice from the imaging device to the client" as would be required to support the limitation of the job record being maintained by the client. All independent claims currently recite that the job history is maintained in the imaging device.

Some claims (6 and 27) recite the limitation of sending a filtered job history to the client, but these claims are still dependent from claims 1 and 20, which recite that the job history is maintained in the imaging device. Thus, claims 6 and 27 recite that the (primary) job record is maintained in the imaging device and that a filtered record is maintained in the client device.

The Election requirement mailed on May 8 states that the previous election requirement has been withdrawn. Therefore, the Applicant assumes that claims 6 and 27, previously canceled with traverse, are eligible for reentry into the case. However, in an effort to be responsive, claims 6 and 27 are (re-)canceled, with traverse, based upon the assumption that the Examiner considers that these claims correspond to Fig. 12. However, the invention can be practiced with a (primary) job

history stored in the imaging device and a filtered history stored in the client, and the Applicant requests that claims 6 and 27 be reentered into the application.

To resolve this issue the Applicant is willing to consider any suggestions made by the Examiner as to which claims he considers to be covered by Fig. 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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